# Minneapolis: Recycling Beyond the Cart



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#### **Presentation Overview**

- Introduction to Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling
- 2. Curbside Collection Outside the Cart
  - Batteries
  - Large and Bulky Items
- 3. Drop-off for Large & Bulky Items
- Processing of Large & Bulky Items
- University Pack & Give Back program
- 6. Program Costs
- 7. Future Considerations

## Division of Solid Waste & Recycling

#### **Services Provided:**

- Garbage (weekly)
- Recycling (every other week)
- Organics Collection (weekly)
- Yard Waste (Apr. Nov.)
- Event Recycling Services
- Clean City Services
  - CleanSweeps
  - Graffiti Abatement
  - Adopt-A-programs
    - Litter container, block, ash receptacle, etc.







## Beyond the Cart

#### **Services Provided Continued:**

- Bulky Item Collection
- Excessive Materials Management
  - Voucher Program @ Transfer Station
  - Requested Cleanups

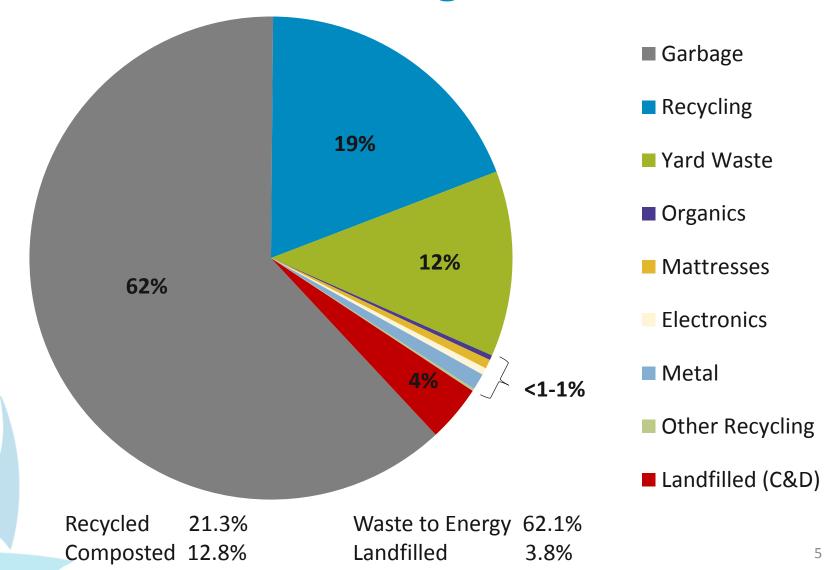






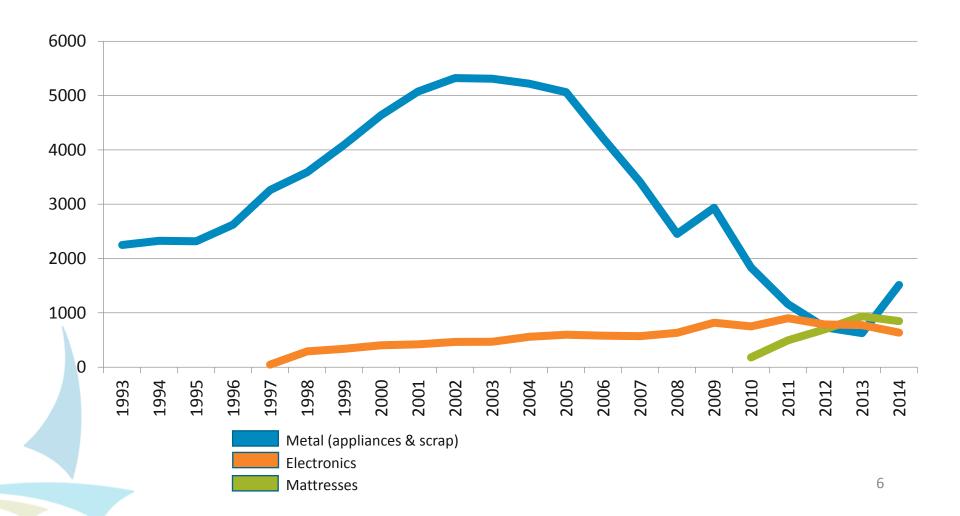


### 2014 Waste Management



## Large Item Collection (in tons)

(metals/appliances, electronics, and mattresses)



# Household Battery Collection

- Partnership with Hennepin County, Momentum, and Call2Recycle
  - 15.66 Tons collected in 2014; avg. 1.31 Tons/month
- Residents place in bag on top of recycling cart
- Approx. 10 pounds of batteries collected per crew per day







## Large/Bulky Item Collection

#### **Garbage Week**

 Up to 2 non-recyclable items may be placed at the curb for collection

### **Recycling Week**

 A total of 2 recyclable/ non-recyclable items may be placed out for collection





## Large/Bulky Item Collection (cont.)

- Residents are told to label items "For Solid Waste"
- Garbage crews collect non-recyclable large items.
- Garbage crews note address for recyclable large items and leave "We'll be Back" sticker on the item.
- Another crew returns the following business day to pick up recyclable large items.





# Voucher Program at South Transfer Station

#### **Customers Receive:**

- 8 Cleanup Vouchers annually
  - Up to 2,000 pounds of garbage and C&D
  - Two bulky/large item
  - 2014 Usage
    - 16,728 vouchers used
    - 6,639.16 Tons
- 2 Tire Vouchers annually
  - Up to 8 tires each
  - 2014 Usage
    - 727 vouchers used
    - 3,579 tires recycled







## Processing of Large Items

- 2-4 Large Item collection
   1-person crews out per day
- 98% of items require processing
- TVs, Hide-A-Bed couches, air conditioners and microwaves are more common
- Metal and circuit boards are removed
- Freon is evacuated









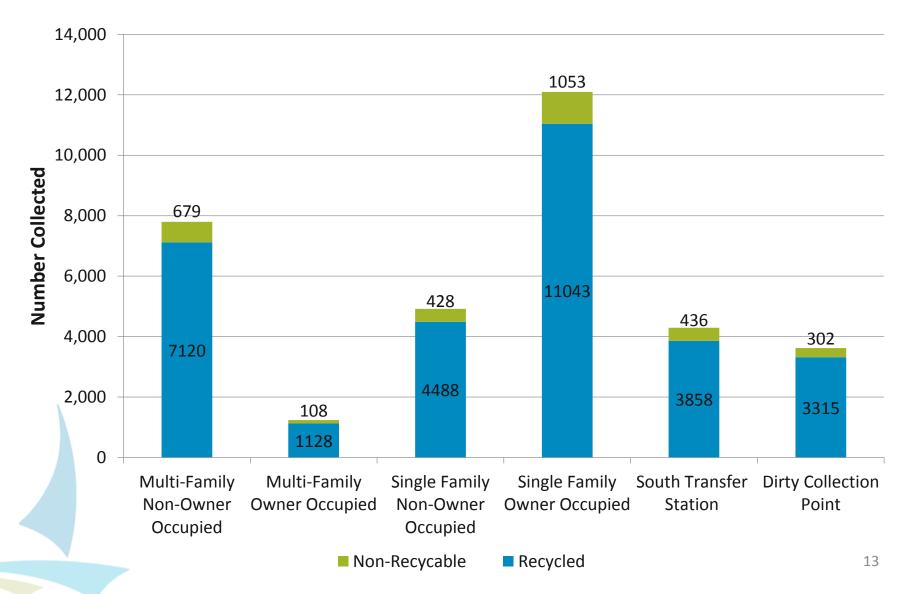
# Mattresses & Box Springs







#### 2014 Mattress Collection Volumes



## **Mattress Recycling Costs**

Momentum Fees	Cost per mattress
Curbside/alley collection	\$8
Collection from South Transfer & Pacific	\$6
Cost per recyclable mattress (dismantling)	\$10
Cost per non-recyclable mattress (disposal)	\$25

#### Non-recyclable mattresses:

- 1. water-logged
- 2. Bed bugs
- 3. Individually wrapped coil mattresses (Sealy®)
  - Too labor intensive to dismantle

<sup>\*</sup>PowerPoint presentation on Mattress Recycling process can be found on our Studies and Reports webpage.

# Pack & Give Back University of Minnesota Move-Out

- Partnership with University of Minnesota, local nonprofits, Hennepin County, neighborhood groups, etc.
- Goal to divert usable items from trash each Spring & Fall







# UMN Pack & Give Back Reusables Diverted



### What's the cost?

Program	<b>2014 Cost</b>
Curb & Alley Collection (garbage, recycling, yard waste, organics)	\$13,432,941
Large Item Collection & Processing	\$1,083,331
Mattress Collection & Processing	\$532,398
Transfer Station Management	\$205,950
Battery Collection	\$0.00

**Note:** Disposal costs, program administration, customer service and equipment are not included in the costs above.

#### **Future Considerations**

#### **Modifications to South Transfer Station:**

- Evaluate number of vouchers per household
- Analyze C&D stream
- Collect more reusable & recyclable materials

#### **Collection Volumes:**

 Continue monitoring large item set-outs for abuse and charge those abusing service

#### **Extended Producer Responsibility:**

Mattress EPR is high priority for Minnesota

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### **Questions?**



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